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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Sir:

Responsive to the restriction notice of April 2, 2003, the Applicants elect without traverse to prosecute the invention of Group I (claims 3-8). It is anticipated that the linking claims 1, 2, 23, 24 and 28 will be shown to be allowable and all claims will be brought back into the case.

Respectfully submitted,

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